

STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

NATURAL RESOURCES



SECTION C

Natural Resources & Transportation

Section C of state government includes the Department of Transportation and five departments covering natural resources:

- Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
- Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Livestock

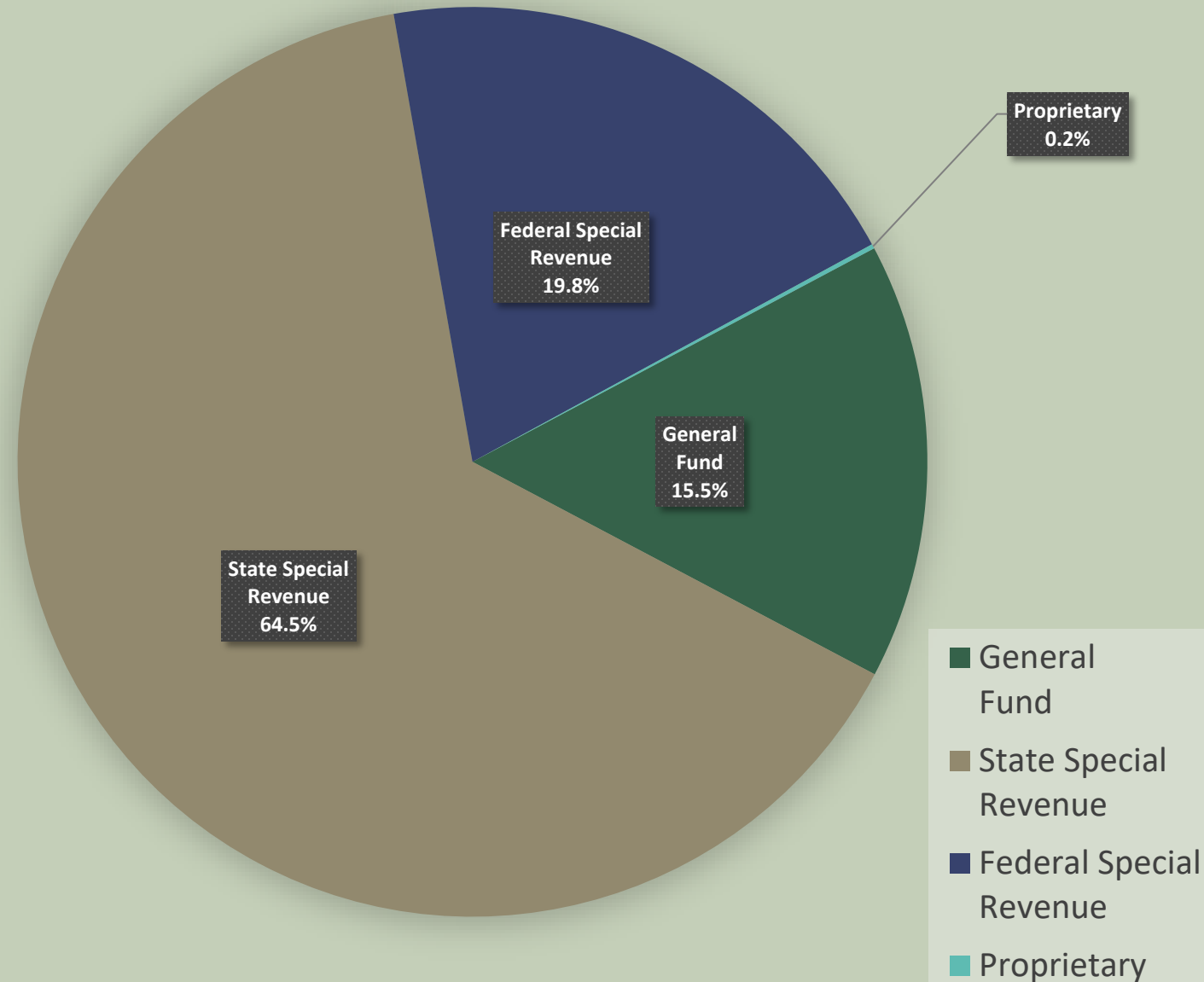
STATE SPECIAL REVENUE & NATURAL RESOURCES

The Natural Resource Agencies are Funded With:

- General Fund,
- State Special Revenue,
- Federal Special Revenue
- Proprietary Funds

State special revenue accounts for 64.8% of the funding for the Natural Resources Departments

Natural Resources Agencies, HB 2 Authority FY 2024



What Are State Special Revenues?

State special revenue funds are accounts that receive revenues from specific sources and can only be used for legally designated purposes.

For Example, in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks a portion of revenues from the sale of hunting licenses and fees is deposited into the Hunting Access State Special Revenue account. The balance in the fund, by statute, must be used for hunting access programs.



HOW MANY STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS ARE THERE?

- For the five natural resource agencies there are about 160 different state special revenue accounts that are appropriated through HB 2.
- The Department of Agriculture is most dependent on state special revenues which make up 83.0% of its total budget.
- In the natural resource departments 45.4% of the state special revenue is budgeted in the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Natural Resources Agencies HB 2 State Special Revenues FY 24

<u>Agency</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Special Revenue</u>	<u>Federal Special Revenue</u>	<u>Proprietary</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	\$38,389,622	\$52,008,198	\$2,106,329	-	92,504,149
Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks	-	95,983,375	33,681,457	-	129,664,832
Department of Environmental Quality	6,797,215	35,109,635	25,248,213	-	67,155,063
Department of Agriculture	1,568,310	18,117,214	1,620,629	518,316	21,824,469
Department of Livestock	4,082,713	10,092,264	2,356,584	-	16,531,561
Grand Total	\$50,837,860	\$211,310,686	\$65,013,212	\$518,316	327,680,074

GENERAL LICENSE ACCOUNT

Department of Fish, Wildlife, & Parks

Fund Purpose

The fund is dedicated to maintaining wildlife populations, provide public access, and otherwise support programs that directly benefit hunters, anglers, and shooting sports. To receive matching federal funds, the state of Montana must agree, in statute, to use the funds solely for the purposes stated above. Montana has agreed to this provision in statute under 87-1-701, and 87-1-708 of the MCA.

Revenues

For the fiscal years 2015 through 2024, revenue from the sale of hunting and angler license and permits accounts for 85.1% of the total revenue for the fund. Federal reimbursements and transfers account for 11.2% of revenues. Usage fees, camping fees, permits, merchandise sales, Board of Investment earnings, fines and restitutions account for the remaining 3.7%.

Use of Fund

The fund is used exclusively by the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) to fund the activities listed under fund purpose above. Over the previous ten years, the account has funded about 40.0% of all the agency expenditures and 52.0% of expenditures in HB 2. The legislature appropriates the fund through HB 2, other house and senate bills, and the Long-Range Building Programs. About 1.0% of the account is statutorily appropriated for payments to local governments in lieu of property taxes.

Select a Range of Fiscal Years

2015

2024

Fund Name

02422

02422 - Highways Special Revenue

02409 - General License

Relevant Agencies

52010 - Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

61070 - Long Range Building

Statute

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How Appropriated

HB2 & HB13

LRBP

Other House or Senate Bill

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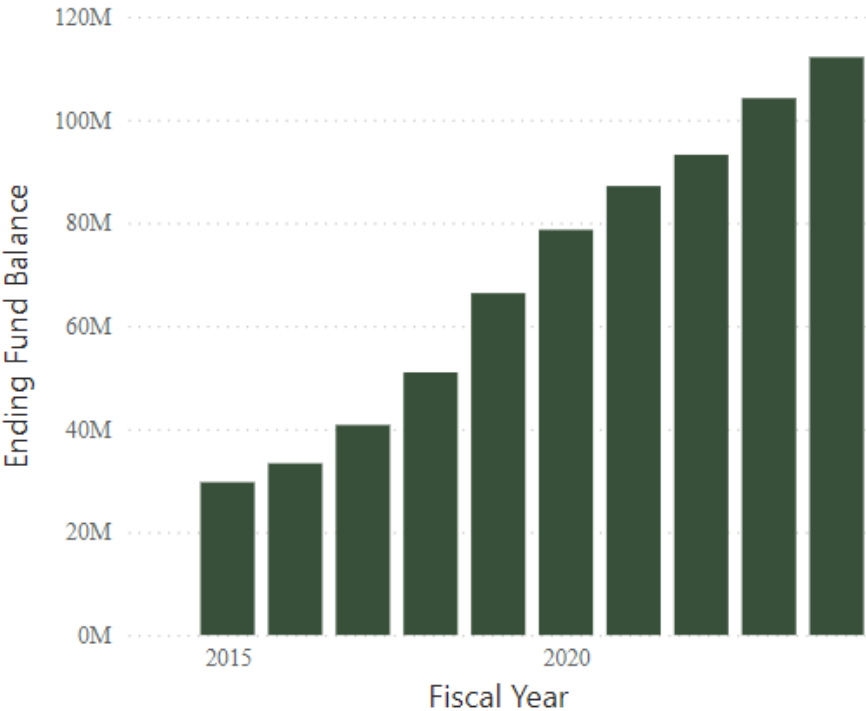
02409 - General License

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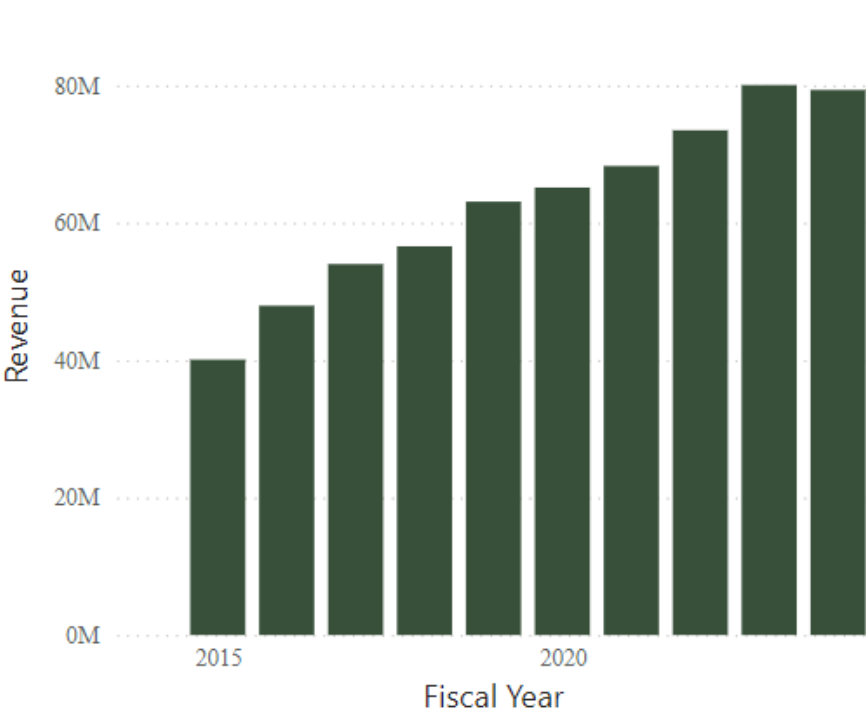
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Fund Balance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
01 Fund Balance	30,077,463	29,909,625	33,404,467	40,581,303	51,069,655	66,320,002	78,695,711	87,142,964	93,208,167	104,168,070
02 Revenue	40,088,618	47,935,378	53,990,823	56,586,119	63,082,269	65,127,982	68,271,894	73,458,828	80,041,146	79,343,333
03 Disbursements	-40,507,121	-44,529,813	-46,630,564	-46,185,489	-47,804,237	-52,806,913	-59,837,241	-67,403,011	-69,071,352	-71,374,350
Total	29,658,960	33,315,189	40,764,726	50,981,934	66,347,687	78,641,071	87,130,364	93,198,782	104,177,961	112,137,053
Fund Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
02409 General License	101.0%	92.9%	86.4%	81.6%	75.8%	81.1%	87.6%	91.8%	86.3%	90.0%

Ending Fund Balance by Fiscal Year



Revenue by Fiscal Year



TRUST LANDS ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

Department of Natural Resources & Conservation

Fund Purpose

The account supports administrative expenses related to administration of state trust lands.

Revenues

The fund receives a portion of the total revenues generated from trust lands for grazing, agricultural leases, oil & gas leases, timber sales, commercial use fees, and conservation licenses.

Use of funds

The fund is subject to legislative appropriation. The appropriation must be used to pay the costs of administering state trust lands. This includes the cost of managing assets, including but not limited to real property and monetary assets.

Select a Range of Fiscal Years

2015

2024

Fund Name

02938

02938 - TLMD Trust Administration

Relevant Agencies

52010 - Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks

57060 - Dept Nat Resource/Conservation

61070 - Long Range Building

Statute

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How Appropriated

HB2 & HB13

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LRBP

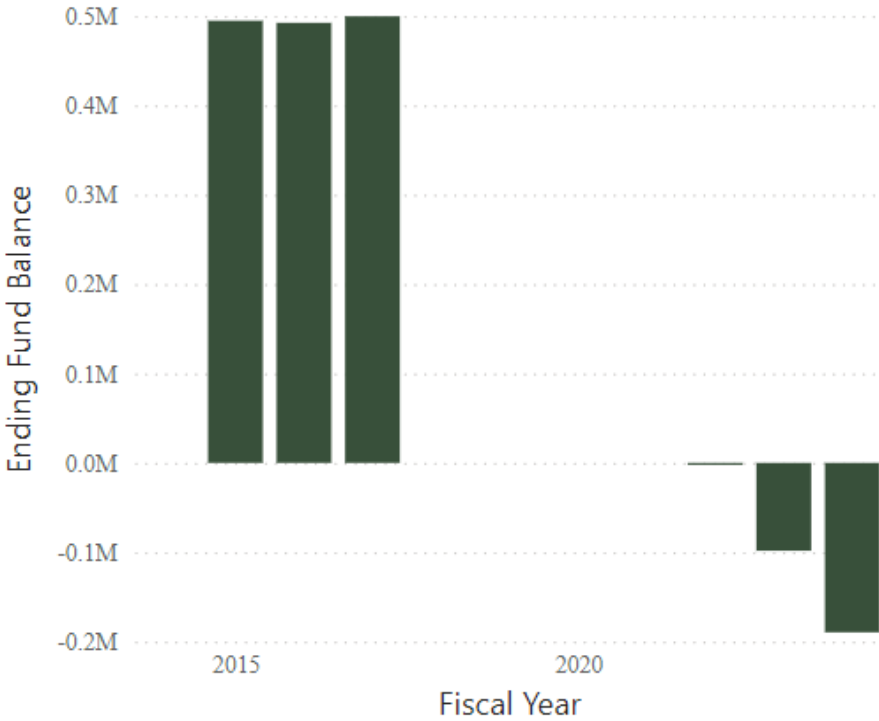
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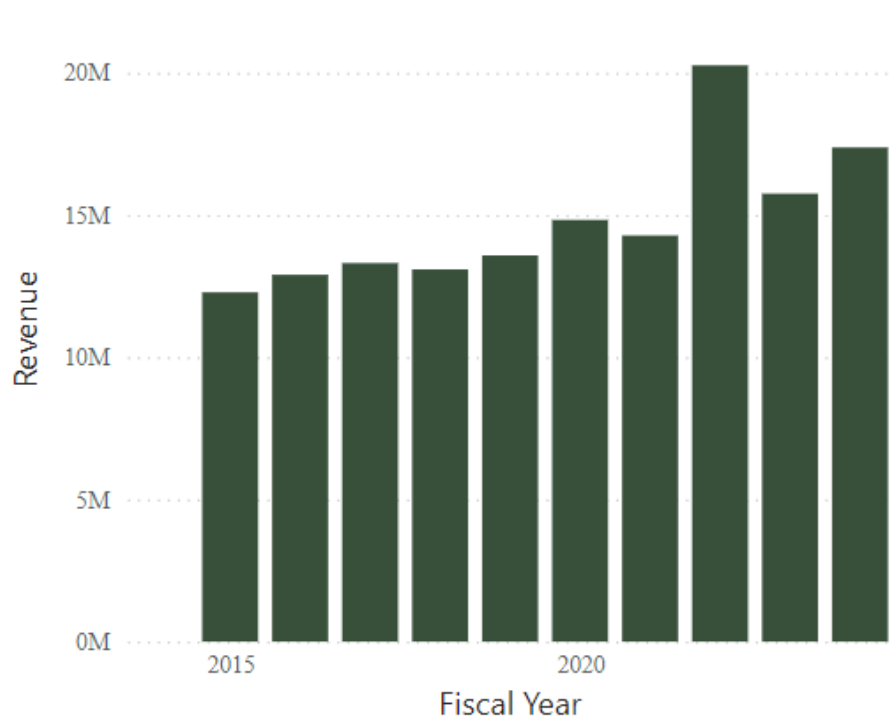
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Fund Balance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
01 Fund Balance	500,329	494,754	514,863	499,836	175	1,808	1,099	19,423	18	-108,689
02 Revenue	12,283,702	12,899,772	13,312,872	13,090,102	13,581,535	14,830,162	14,281,799	20,265,080	15,754,479	17,377,894
03 Disbursments	-12,289,319	-12,902,162	-13,328,038	-13,589,938	-13,581,710	-14,831,971	-14,282,898	-20,284,505	-15,852,811	-17,458,803
Total	494,712	492,363	499,697	0	0	0	0	-2	-98,314	-189,599
Fund Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
02938 TLMD Trust Administration	100.0%	100.0%	100.1%	103.8%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.1%	100.6%	100.5%

Ending Fund Balance by Fiscal Year



Revenue by Fiscal Year



Natural Resources Operations Account

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Fund Purpose

The account supports administrative expenses related to natural resources operations.

Revenues

Each year 65% of the undistributed Resource Indemnity Trust (RIT) interest is deposited in the account. The account also receives revenue from metal mines taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes. In FY 2017, HB 648 transferred \$2.0 million from the junked vehicle account. In FY 2015, SB 418 transferred \$1.4 million from the oil and gas education and research account to the natural resources operations account.

HB 373 of the 2021 legislature provided a general fund transfer, that when combined with the available fund balance, is sufficient to fund the amount appropriated from this fund in the general appropriation act. This transfer is made at the beginning of each fiscal year.

Use of funds

Funds may be used for administrative expenses, including salaries and expenses for personnel and equipment, office space, and other expenses necessarily incurred in the administration of natural resources operations.

Select a Range of Fiscal Years

2015

2024

Fund Name

☒ Natural

- ☐ 02511 - Oil and Gas Natural Resource
- ☐ 02511 - Oil, Gas and Coal Natural Res
- ☒ 02576 - Natural Resources Operations
- ☐ 02577 - Natural Resources Projects
- ☐ 03011 - Natural Gas Safety Pgm

Relevant Agencies

21100 - Judiciary

51020 - Commissioner of Higher Education

53010 - Dept of Environmental Quality

57060 - Dept Nat Resource/Conservation

Statute

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How Appropriated

HB2 & HB13

02576 - Natural Resources Operations

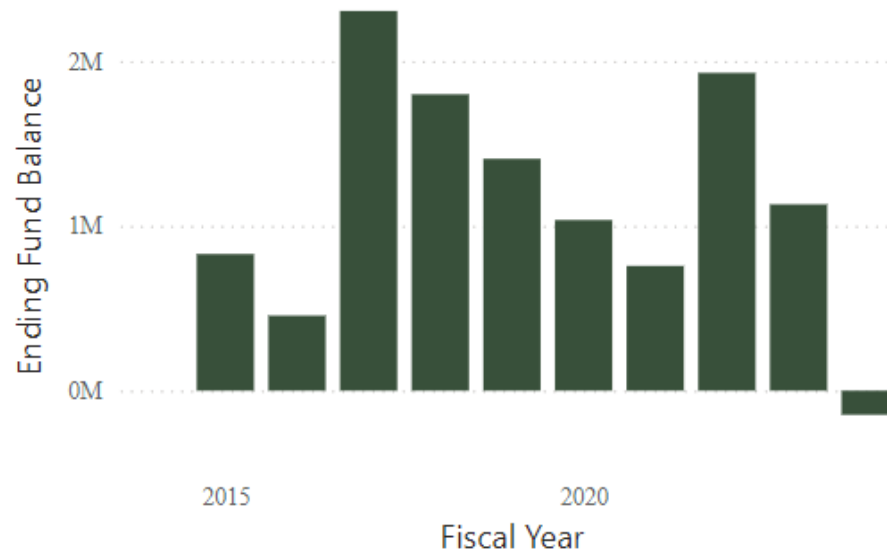
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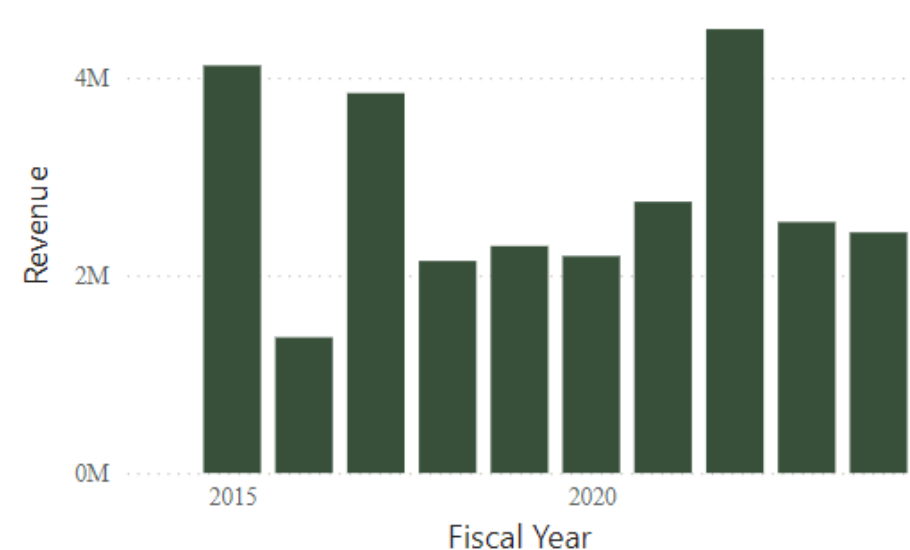
Fund Balance	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
01 Fund Balance	957,033	877,740	455,264	2,303,963	1,798,345	1,407,093	1,035,399	757,075	1,933,454	1,130,624
02 Revenue	4,121,594	1,372,076	3,842,484	2,144,627	2,295,952	2,194,438	2,743,721	4,490,075	2,538,830	2,433,561
03 Disbursments	-4,249,865	-1,794,552	-1,993,785	-2,650,245	-2,687,204	-2,566,133	-3,022,045	-3,318,696	-3,341,660	-3,710,655
Total	828,762	455,264	2,303,963	1,798,345	1,407,093	1,035,399	757,075	1,928,454	1,130,624	-146,471

Fund Name	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
02576 Natural Resources Operations	103.1%	130.8%	51.9%	123.6%	117.0%	116.9%	110.1%	73.9%	131.6%	152.5%

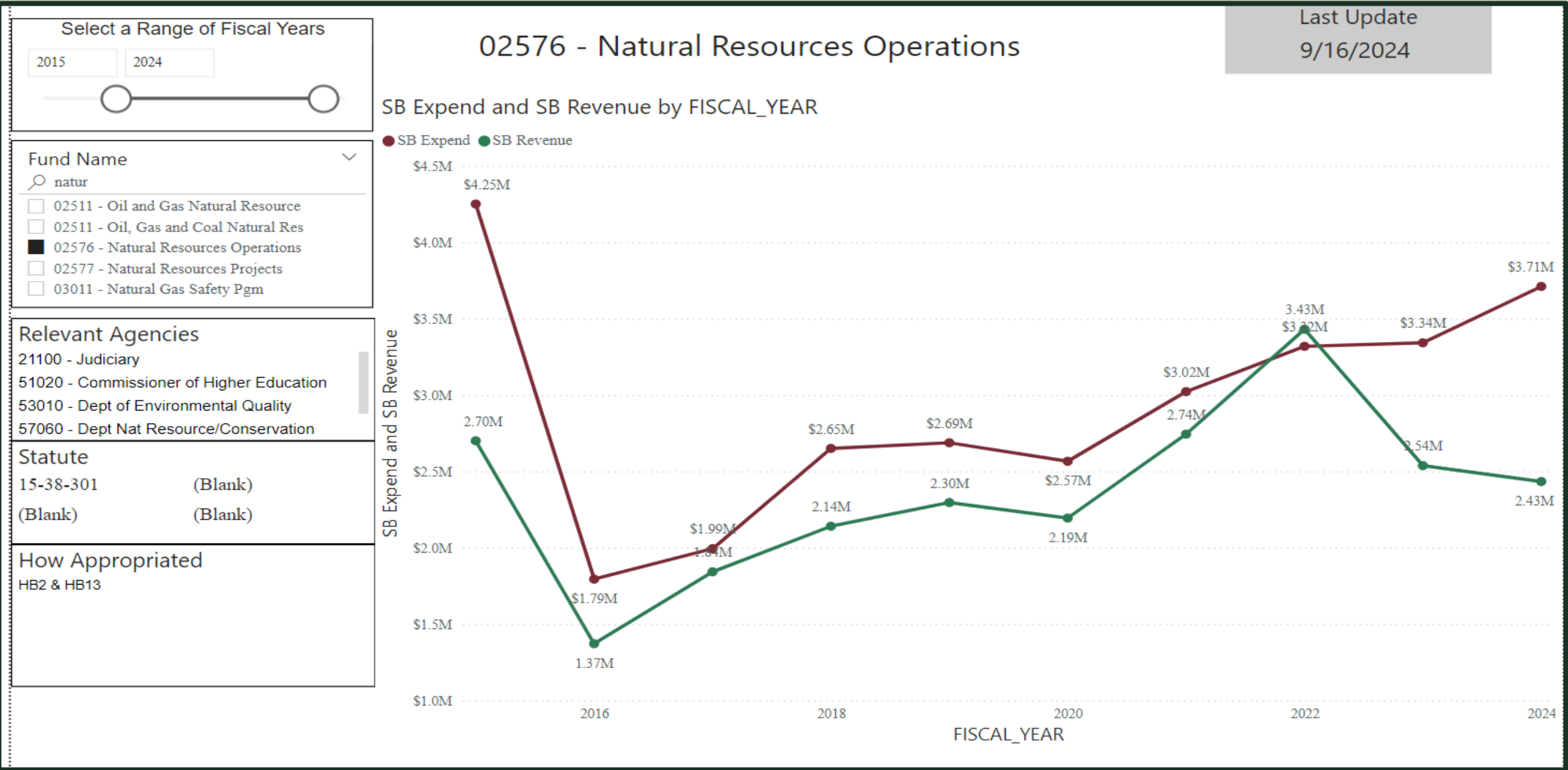
Ending Fund Balance by Fiscal Year



Revenue by Fiscal Year



Structural Balance = Ongoing Revenue less Ongoing Expenditures





Questions?